

FISCAL NOTE

HB 385 - SB 954

March 25, 1997

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires that any report of child brutality, abuse or neglect first be made to the sheriff or chief law enforcement official where the child resides. After the law enforcement official conducts the investigation, the Department of Human Services (Children's Services) will be informed of the results when abuse or neglect is found. Under current law, these cases are referred immediately to the Department of Children's Services for investigation.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Expenditures¹:

State - \$1,766,200

Federal - \$217,400

Other - \$2,276,000

Decrease Expenditures²:

State - \$859,700

Federal - \$845,400

Other - \$819,000

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures⁴ - Exceeds \$4,000,000³

¹Assumes a 1% increase in foster care placements

²Assumes a reduction of 64 DHS positions

³Local government expenditures assumes a minimum of 140 additional law enforcement officers

⁴Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director